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OFFICIAL VISITS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF COMBATANT COMMANDS

REFERENCES:

- a. DOD Instruction 5230.20, 8 August 1998, "Visits, Assignments, and Exchanges of Foreign Nationals"
- b. CJCS Instruction 5221.01A, 6 April 1999, "Delegation of Authority to Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands to Disclose Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations"
- c. DOD Directive 5230.11, 16 June 1992, "Disclosure of Classified Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations"

1. Purpose. This instruction states the procedure for processing requests for foreign nationals to visit the headquarters of combatant commands. Processing foreign visitor clearances assists in determining information needed to assess National Disclosure Policy, physical security, and protocol requirements and in maintaining a record of contacts.

2. Cancellation. CJCSI 2212.01, 21 January 1996, is canceled.

3. Applicability. This CJCSI applies to the combatant commands, the Military Services, and DIA for functions in which they are responsive to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4. Policy

a. In accordance with reference a, requests from foreign nationals to visit the headquarters of combatant commands should be processed through the Director, DIA, or designee. Responsibilities for processing foreign visit requests are assigned as follows:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
USCINCCENT	DIA
USCINCEUR	USCINCEUR (USNMR to SHAPE for NATO/ACE)
USCINCJFCOM	DIA
USCINCPAC	DIA
USCINCSO	DIA
USCINCSpace	USAF
USCINCSOC	DIA
USCINCSTRAT	USAF
USCINCTRANS	USAF

b. Procedures in the Military Departments' and DIA's guide or handbook for foreign attaches accredited to the Services and DIA will be followed as appropriate. If a combatant command for which DIA is the processing agency receives a visit request directly from a foreign national, the request should be referred to DIA and the applicant so informed.

c. If a CINC headquartered in CONUS extends an invitation to a foreign national, the CINC will send an information copy of the itinerary to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to the cognizant Military Department or DIA as appropriate, preferably in advance of the visit.

d. Foreign visitor clearance to an overseas component of a Military Department will be the responsibility of the parent Department.

e. If the visit of a foreign national includes disclosure of classified information, provisions of the National Disclosure Policy will apply. When requirements for delegated disclosure authorization exceed those in reference b, authorization for disclosure must be obtained from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on a case-by-case basis. DIA will provide assistance when the request involves military intelligence information.

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f. When a CINC deems a proposed visit of a foreign national to be politically sensitive, advance coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is recommended before the invitation is issued.

g. Foreign visitor clearance to overseas subcomponents and task forces of combatant commands will be the responsibility of the CINC. Procedures will be established to ensure that contacts with foreign representatives by DOD officials that involve access to US classified information conform with:

- (1) National Disclosure Policy.
- (2) Security and foreign policy interests of the United States.
- (3) Reference c.

h. Although clearances are processed by DIA or the Services, the CINCs retain responsibility for the visit, disclosures during the visit, security, and protocol.


5. Responsibilities. The Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5, Joint Staff, is the office of primary responsibility for this instruction. Additional responsibilities are as outlined in paragraph 4 above.

6. Summary of Changes. Updates reference title of DOD Instruction 5230.20. Updates reference to MCM-176-92 that was superseded by CJCS Instruction 5221.01A. Updates reference DOD Directive 5230.11 to current version. Changes wording in subparagraph 4f from "consent of" to "coordination with." Changes reference to USCINACOM to USCINCFJCOM.

7. Releasability. This instruction is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DOD components (to include the combatant commands), other Federal agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this instruction through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Home Page--<http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine>. Copies are also available through the Government Printing Office on the Joint Electronic Library CD-ROM.

8. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

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